

REMARKS

The present amendment makes editorial changes and corrects typographical errors in the Specification in order to conform the Specification to the requirements of United States Patent Practice. No new matter is added thereby. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the Specification by the present amendment. The marked-up version is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made**".

In addition, the present amendment cancels original claims 1-11 in favor of new claims 12-40. The present amendment is intended for clarification purposes only and not for substantial reasons related to patentability pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. In this regard, Applicants note for the record that the cancellation of claims 1-11 and/or addition of claims 12-40 does not constitute an intent on the part of the Applicants to surrender any of the subject matter of claims 1-11.

Early consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

The paragraph beginning at line 11 of page 7 has been amended as follows:

Although any suitable carbonaceous material may be used as the powder of a carbonaceous material 4 which is used as an electrode material, it is particularly desirable that needle-like, carbonaceous materials or fibrous carbonaceous materials; (i.e., carbonaceous materials composed of fibers including carbon fibers), for example, carbon nano-tubes, or needle-like graphite; (i.e., graphite fibrous material), such as vapor-grown carbon fibers (VGCF) manufactured by TOHO RAYON ~~KK~~ CO., LTD., like materials or mixtures thereof, are contained in the powder of a carbonaceous material 4.